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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re PATENT application of:

Applicants: Kobben et al.

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Title: CUSHIONING CONVERSION MACHINE HAVING HEAVY DUTY
CHARACTERISTICS

Examiner: Christopher R. Harmon

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REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF APPEAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b)(2)(ii)

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Dear Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests reinstatement of the appeal in the present application. A Notice of Appeal with the associated fee was mailed on September 4, 2003 (Paper No. 27) and an Appeal Brief with the associated fee was filed on December 16, 2003 (Paper No. 29) and resubmitted on January 23, 2004 (Paper No. 33). Thereafter, a non-final Office Action was mailed on February 26, 2004 that included new grounds for rejection (Paper No. 36).

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In that Office Action, the Examiner withdrew the previous rejections and cited and applied a new prior art reference in a new rejection of the claims. Because the undersigned does not believe that amendments to the claims are necessary, and the arguments against the new rejection are the same whether submitted in a response or in this brief, the undersigned requests reinstatement of the appeal and consideration of this supplemental appeal brief in view of the newly advanced rejections put forth by the Examiner in Paper No. 36.

A Supplemental Appeal Brief is submitted herewith in triplicate. Please apply the previously paid notice of appeal and appeal brief fees as set forth in MPEP § 1208.02. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 under the above docket number.

Respectfully submitted,

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